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From the Imperial Camp near Ponte Oglio, Sept. 8. *N. S.*

THE 4th Instant, divers Deserters came over to us, who gave an Account, That the Enemy lost above 4000 Men in the late Action at *Chiari*, which was confirmed by some intercepted Letters writ from the Enemy's Camp to *Milan*. The 5th, the Enemy removed their Camp to the other side of a Brook which they had passed to attack us, in which Motion they spent almost the whole day, tho' they did not remove above half a Mile. Captain *Goluma*, of the Regiment of *Serini*, was sent out with a Party of 50 Horse, who went between both the Enemy's Lines, killed 2 Men, and took 3 Horses, which they carried off without any Loss. The 6th, the Enemy retired farther towards the *Oglio*, their head Quarter being now at *Urago*; and seeing they marched near our right Wing, the same was reinforced with 6 Battalions. Several Parties were sent out to observe the Enemy. We had Advice, that the Enemy would march the next day; our Parties took divers Prisoners; and a great number of Deserters, both Horse and Foot, come over to us. The 7th, by break of day, we heard the Enemy beat a March, upon which our Horse was immediately ordered to be in a readiness, and part of the Foot of our Right Wing were also drawn out, and Prince *Commerci*, with the Major-Generals *Dietrichstein* and *Vaubonne*, went out with a Detachment of 1400 Horse to endeavour to fall upon the Enemy's Rear, but they found no opportunity to attempt any thing; The Enemy made no other Motion than to remove their first Line a little nearer to us, and to advance the Second into their Place; from which we judge that they intend to repass the *Oglio*, and did this to cover their Retreat, and to gain more Ground behind them. The 8th, the Enemy continued in the same Posture as yesterday. We kept our Horse in a readiness to fall upon their Rear if they had marched, though we fear little could be done, there being 2 Brooks between us and them. One of our Parties of Foot, who had been abroad 3 days to surprize a Convoy of Provisions which was coming from *Lodi* to *Soncino*, met with a General of the Duke of *Savoy*'s Forces, who was going from the Army for the recovery of his Health; he escaped, but our Men took his Adjutant, some Foot Soldiers who attended him as a Guard, and all his Bagage. The Armies are so near, that their advanced Centinels are scarce 300 Paces distant from one another.

Vienna, Sept. 11. Count *Breuner*, Adjutant General, arrived here last night from the Imperial Army in *Italy*, being sent by Prince *Eugene* to give the Emperor an Account of the happy Success of his Arms in the late Action at *Chiari*, in which near 5000 of the Enemy were killed or wounded, and among these above 300 Officers; with the loss only of about 600 killed and wounded of the *Germans*. The Emperor intends to send a farther Reinforcement to his Army in *Italy*, and some Regiments are accordingly ordered thither from *Hungary*. 'Tis said, Count *Schlick*, who went from hence a few days ago to the Court of the Elector of *Mentz*, has Orders to call upon Prince *Lewis* of *Baden*, and to confer with him about drawing together an Army upon the *Rhine*.

Francfort, Sept. 18. The Diet of the Circle of *Swabia* are assembled at *Hallbron*, and have under consideration the augmenting their Forces; And the Diet of the Circle of *Franconia* are assembled at *Nuremberg* about the same Business. The Conferences about the Circles entring into an Association for their Common Defence are continued, and 'tis said the Emperor will likewise enter therein on the account of the Circle of *Austria*. Deputies from the Diet of the Circle of the *Upper Rhine* have been to review the Forces of the said Circle, which are encamped near *Wisbaden*; The Troops of the Circle of *Swabia* are still encamped near *Offenburgh*, where 'tis said they will shortly be joined by those of *Franconia*. They write from *Ratisbonne*, that the Imperial Ministers have notified to the Diet, That the Emperor has issued a Monitory against the Duke of *Savoy*, as was done before against the Duke of *Mantua*; and that the King of *Sweden*'s Ministers there declare, That the King their Master has taken possession of *Courland*, only to secure to himself a Reimbursement of the Charges he has been at in the War with the King of *Poland*, and a Reparation of the Losses his Subjects have sufferred in *Livonia*.

Cologne, Sept. 20. The Deputies of the Chapter of this City, at the Diet assembled at *Bon*, have presented a Memorial to the said Diet, containing in substance, That the Towns of *Rhynberg* and *Keyserswaert* might be very well provided with all things necessary for their Defence, without any Assistance from a Foreign Power, if the Subsidies granted in the preceding Diets had been applied to the use they were given for; That the Elector cannot enter into any Alliance or Association without the Consent of the Chapter; That 'tis well known with what Money his Electoral Highness has raised new Forces, and does now maintain them; And that they desire he will not take it ill, if in discharge of their Conscience they protest against all that he has done or may do, in relation to this Affair, without the Consent of the Chapter. This Protest has been Registred among the Records of the Chapter, and Orders are sent to their Deputies to leave the Diet and return hither. The Elector Palatine is expected the 28th Instant at the Camp near *Mulheim*, to take a Review of his Forces. Many of the *French* Soldiers, at present encamped near *Aix la Chapelle*, desert daily.

Hamburgh, Sept. 20. The *Danish* Horse which is to enter into the Service of the States-General, are to pass the *Elbe* the 24th Instant in their march to *Holland*; the Foot are to be sent thither by Sea, and will embark at *Wesselveth* and *Gelucksstad*. The Duke of *Wirtemberg*, who is to command these Forces, is daily expected here from *Copenhagen*, in his way to *Holland*. They write from *Copenhagen*, that 'twas discoursed that the King of *Denmark* would send an Ambassador to the King of *Poland*, to promote the Negociation for restoring the Peace of the North. They write from *Dantzick*, that the *Saxon* Forces which lately came into the Neighbourhood of that place, are marching to *Koniez*, where they are to be reviewed, and after that will continue their march to *Saxony*. They write from *Courland*, that the *Swedish* Forces were encamped within 6 miles of *Libau*, and that the King of *Sweden* had demanded of the Magistrates of *Memel*, the great Train of Artillery belonging to the King of *Poland*, which is laid up in that Town; 'Tis said, the Magistrates have refused to deliver it to him, but that in all probability they will be obliged to comply.

Brussels, Sept. 23. The Marquis of *Bedmar* will return hither this evening from visiting the Lines in *Flanders*. The Duke *a'Arcos* and his Brother, who are sent hither by way of Banishment, for presenting a Memorial to the King of *Spain*, against his giving the Rank of Grandees to the Dukes and Peers of *France*, is shortly expected here. Letters from *Madrid* of the 8th Instant say, the King of *Spain* parted from thence the 5th for *Saragossa*, from whence he would continue his Journey to *Barcelona* to meet his Queen. He has left the Administration of the Government during his Absence with the Cardinal of *Portocarrero*, with more absolute Powers than were ever given before to any Minister here. The Letters add, that several of the Grandees had desired Leave to retire to their Country Houses, which was granted to some, and refused to others. There is a general Dissatisfaction among the *Spanish* Nobility.

Leo, Sept. 23. The King being accompanied with the Duke of *Cell* and the Electoral Prince of *Hanover*, went the 21st Instant to *Dieren*, and His Majesty and their Highnesses are expected here again to morrow. His Majesty intends to go the 28th to review the *English* Forces encamped